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U.S. Tells 6 Not to Aid Raids on Cuba

MIAMI, Sept. 15 (UPI)—The Federal Government made new moves today against Americans seeking to help Cuban exile raiders.

The Customs Department issued "strong warnings" to six United States citizens. A photographer, Alexander I. Rorke Jr., who participated in a bombing raid on Cuba last April, said he was "suddenly summoned" to United States Customs headquarters here last night and cautioned not to violate the "munitions control laws" of the United States.

The warning, handed to him by David F. Cardoza, supervising customs agent for the southeastern United States, said:

"In keeping with declared policy of the Government, I have been instructed to warn you formally and solemnly that said activities are considered contrary to the interests of the United States."

The warning added that "all interested agencies of the Government are being advised that you have been given this warning and that such violations will not be tolerated or condoned."

Penalties Include Prison

The penalties for violations include imprisonment for up to two years and a \$25,000 fine for each offense.

G. Harvey Summ, acting coordinator of Cuban affairs for the State Department, confirmed that such "stern warnings" were "in the process of being given" to six Americans.

Four others were identified by Mr. Summ as Frank Florini, Bill Johnson, Jack Griffin and Geoffrey Sullivan. The name of the sixth man was not available.

The Administration's moves against anti-Castro raids were originally instituted last March, when the United States Immigration Department restricted about 25 Cuban exiles to Florida's Dade County, Miami is in that county.

Those restricted were considered to be engaging in or likely to engage in attacks on Cuba.

The Government also bolstered the Coast Guard and other Federal agencies in a move to maintain tight surveillance over the Cubans.

It was because of these moves that several exile groups, particularly the Revolutionary Recovery Movement, led by Manuel Artimo, announced they were moving their operations to unidentified areas of Central America.

The six Americans singled out for warnings today have all been actively associated with the anti-Castro movement.

They were informed that the United States had "evidence which strongly indicated that you may have been and now may be engaged in activities in violation of the provisions of the munitions control laws of the United States." These laws regulate the removal of ammunition and weapons from United States territory without Government approval.

Guard Put on Plane

Mr. Rorke, a son of a New York judge, said the Customs Department also has posted a guard of a B-25 plane that he and Mr. Sullivan were using in an air-cargo business they recently started.

"We were warned not to move the plane when we went out to our private hangar at Opa-locka this morning," Mr. Rorke said. "All we wanted to do was to move it a few hundred yards nearer to a radio repair shop and we did it despite the warning."

Opa-locka is a former United States Navy airfield adjacent to Miami.

Mr. Rorke said he had been told he could not fly the plane. "But, they have not served us with any legal papers," he declared, "and we are going to

fly it whether they like it or not."

Mr. Sullivan was said to be from Waterbury, Conn. Both he and Mr. Rorke maintain suburban apartments here.

The photographer and lecturer participated in a bombing raid on the former Hiss and Shell Oil Company refineries in Havana last April 24. He denounced the "police-state methods being used by the Kennedy Administration" and asked that this indicates the Government is continuing its policy of enforcing the Monroe Doctrine in

reverse and of denying Americans their heritage, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, that men have the right to fight for freedom."

He accused the Administration of "harassing anybody who is working to oust Castro."

Mr. Rorke has been unsuccessfully seeking to force authorities to release an \$18,000 plane and a \$13,000 cabin cruiser confiscated by Customs last April. The boat was used by Cuban exile raiders the first week of last April. The plane was allegedly used in the Havana raid.